



**Maternal, Infant, & Early Childhood Home Visiting  
Tribal Consultation Meeting  
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## **Introduction/Background**

The Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) received Phase I Maternal Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) funding for the years 2010 – 2015 from the federal Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), a federal agency within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. A statewide Needs Assessment was conducted by ADHS in 2010. Thirty-one communities were identified as High Risk communities with six of the 31 being tribal communities/reservations. During 2011 – 2013 the program was implemented statewide with three tribes participating. These tribes were the White Mountain Apache Tribe, the Tohono O'odham Nation, and the Gila River Indian Community.

In February 2015, ADHS was awarded two Phase II MIECHV grants from HRSA. One grant was a competitive \$8.8 million grant; the other was a formula \$2.85 million grant. The grant period for both grants is 3/01/15 to 9/30/17. The funds will be used to fund four home visiting model programs to provide direct services across the state. The four model programs are: Healthy Families of Arizona, Nurse Family Partnership, Parents as Teachers, and Family Spirit. The tribal objective with the Phase II funding is to expand the Parents as Teachers model to interested tribal nations.

The MIECHV program allows for home visiting services to participating families. These home visits provide for parent education on topics including child development, health, school readiness and reaching economic security. Participating families experience increased opportunities for support and are connected to local resources and family programs. Trained Home Visiting Educators employed by ADHS contracted non-profit agencies and tribal governments provide the direct services.

## **Meeting Site/Participants**

The meeting was held on 6-24-15 at the Twin Arrows Navajo Casino Resort. Thirty-four participants attended the meeting. Twelve of the attendees represented six Tribes which were the Navajo Nation, Hualapai Tribe, White Mountain Apache Tribe, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, Cocopah Tribe, and Pascua Yaqui Tribe. Four attendees represented two Urban Indian programs which were Native Americans for Community Action and Native Health. Seven attendees represented First-Things-First. Four attendees represented the ADHS. The remaining seven attendees represented a private university, a home visiting agency, two other state agencies, an oral health initiative and a consulting company. See attachment A and B for a copy of the meeting agenda and a listing of meeting attendees.

## **Program Presentations**

The meeting started with a Welcome by Michael Allison, Native American Liaison for ADHS. A meeting blessing was offered by Stephen Honeyestewa, Home Visiting Program Coordinator, Native Health. The order of presentations followed the agenda which was:

- Overview and Background Presentation on the Maternal, Infant, Early Childhood Home Visiting Program (MIECHV): This presentation was provided by Irene Burton, Office Chief of Children's Health, and Laura Bellucci, MIECHV Project Director, both of the ADHS Bureau of Women's and Children's Health (BW&CH).
- Overview and Presentation on the MIECHV Tribal Expansion of the Parents As Teachers Home Visiting Program: This presentation was provided by Gerilene Tsosie, Native American Community Coordinator, MIECHV Program, BW&CH, ADHS.
- Overview of Urban and Tribal Home Visiting Programs: The urban presentation was provided by Stephen Honeyestewa and Carri Chischilly, Parent Educator, both of Native Health, the Phoenix Urban Indian Health Program. The tribal presentation was provided by Novalene Goklish, Family Spirit Program Coordinator, White Mountain Apache Tribe, and Jennifer Richards, Family Spirit Replication Coordinator, Johns Hopkins Center for American Indian Health.
- Overview of the MIECHV Evaluation & Innovation Plan: This presentation was provided by Dr. Jane Dowling and Dr. Deborah Wang both of the Wellington Consulting, Inc. company.
- Overview of Parents As Teachers Home Visiting Model: This presentation was provided by Willeen Whipple, Senior Manager of Tribal Affiliations, Parents As Teachers Program.
- Overview of First Things First Tribal Home Visiting Parents As Teachers Model: This presentation was provided by Dr. Aaliyah Samuel, Sr. Director, Family Support & Literacy, and Candida Hunter, Tribal Regional Director, both of First Things First. Tribal presentations were provided by Paula Seanez, Assistant Director, Navajo Nation Office of Special Education & Rehabilitation Services and Sandra Irwin, Health Director, Health Education & Wellness Department, Hualapai Tribe.

After a provided luncheon, an open discussion was held whereby input was received from meeting participants in the following order – tribal, urban and other attendees.

### **Tribal Input/Comments**

#### **Hualapai Tribe Questions/Comments:**

- When did the grant start? When will applications be available? How many meetings will be held with tribes? Will research data be owned by the tribes?

ADHS Staff Reply – The grant started in March 2015 with federal funding from HRSA. Application availability depends in part on feedback from the tribes. Funds can be channeled through First Things First. Direct IGAs will be offered to the tribes. Tribes will determine how many tribal meetings are needed and how they would like to channel the funds. Evaluators can be hired from the tribes. Home Visitors will train evaluators. Data collection will follow tribal protocol. Non-confidential data will be forwarded to ADHS for grant reporting purposes. Arizona tribal funding is a pilot for National programming.

- What is the allocation of dollars methodology?

ADHS Staff Reply – First selection of tribes will be based on tribal ranking of priority of need. ADHS will work directly with interested tribes.

- What technical assistance will be provided?

ADHS Staff Reply – Technical assistance will be provided. Evaluation in-part will document this need. Continuous Quality Improvement Committee participation will be offered to contracted tribes.

- Is the Indian Health Service Maternal & Child Health Program involved? Development Screening is AHCCCS reimbursable.

ADHS Staff Reply – Outreach will be made to the Indian Health Service by ADHS and the contracted tribes.

- Tribe is interested in participating.

#### Navajo Nation Questions/Comments:

- Will indirect cost be included in the IGAs?

ADHS Staff Reply – Yes, ADHS has existing IGAs with Southern Tribes. ADHS will work with the tribal contract approval process.

- Will data collection require Navajo IRB approval? How will the programs be sustained?

ADHS Staff Reply – Program evaluation will not be research, it is an implementation study. Continuation of the program depends on Congressional funding.

- Need clarification on funding sources. Funding from the New Mexico Department of Health Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Early Intervention Part B and C is now available to tribes.

ADHS Staff Reply – ADHS funding will be available 10/01/15.

- What is First Things First data requirement? What is available for professional development? What about Inter Agency Work Teams?

ADHS Staff Reply – An objective is to avoid overloading staff conducting evaluations. ADHS will sponsor a conference every two years and an annual retreat in July. On-line courses will be available. Trainers will be engaged through consultant contracts. Tribal needs will be identified and documented. Future tribal home visiting conferences will be planned. Program will be coordinated with other state partners and linked to early childhood programs.

### Cocopah Tribe Questions/Comments:

- What allowance will be made for smaller tribes?

ADHS Staff Reply – Parent As Teachers programs will be funded. Training & technical assistance will be provided by ADHS.

### Pascua Yaqui Tribe Questions/Comments:

- What complementing funding is available? The tribal Community Health Nurses Program has been transferred to the tribal PL 93-638 behavioral health program; they are now conducting home visits. Potential tribal participation depends on Tribal Council approval.

ADHS Staff Reply – Potential complementing funding could be the HRSA Title V Block Grant.

- Tribal approval process will go beyond 10/01/15 including tribal research approval.

### **Urban Indian Input/Comments**

### Native Health Questions/Comments:

- Very interested in being a MIECHV partner/contractor, they will apply for funding through the RFP process. Their existing home visiting program is funded with a grant from the Administration for Children & Families. Tribal members are moving into the cities for education and employment opportunities. Evidence based programs are challenging for tribal/urban programs.

### **Other Input/Comments**

### Arizona Advisory Council on Indian Health Care Questions/Comments:

- Move forward carefully on communications including organization charts and funding sources.

### **Summary**

The meeting participants appreciated the information shared and the opportunity to receive funding for reservation and urban based home visiting programs. ADHS representatives expressed commitment to follow up with tribes and urban Indian programs interested in participating in the ADHS MIECHV program.

**HOME VISITING**  
**TRIBAL CONSULTATION MEETING AGENDA**

Wednesday, June 24, 2015  
 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
 Conference Room  
 Twin Arrows Navajo Casino Resort  
 22181 Resort Blvd.  
 Flagstaff, AZ 86004

<b>Time</b>	<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Goal</b>	<b>Presenter</b>
8:00AM	Sign-in/Registration		
9:00AM	Welcome, Blessing, and Introductions		Michael Allison
9:10AM	Maternal, Infant, & Early Childhood Home Visiting Program (MIECHV) Background	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. AZDHS- MIECHV Background</li> <li>2. MIECHV Funded Sites</li> <li>3. Success &amp; Challenges since Implementation</li> </ol>	Irene Burton Laura Bellucci
9:25AM	MIECHV Tribal Expansion of Parents As Teachers Home Visiting Program	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. MIECHV Funded Tribal Sites</li> <li>2. MIECHV Expansion of PAT into Tribal Communities</li> </ol>	Gerilene Tsosie
9:40AM  9:55AM	MIECHV – Tribal Home Visiting Programs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Considerations before implementing Home Visiting</li> <li>2. Benefits of Home Visiting for Tribal People</li> <li>3. Success Stories from the Field</li> </ol>	Native Health  White Mountain Apache Tribe
10:10AM	MIECHV Evaluation & Innovation Plan	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Overview of Process Evaluation – Community Based</li> </ol>	Dr. Jane Dowling Dr. Deborah Wang

		Participatory Research	
10:45AM	BREAK		
11:00AM	Overview of Parents As Teachers Home Visiting Model	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Parents As Teacher Model Components</li> <li>2. Parents As Teacher within Tribal Communities</li> </ol>	Willeen Whipple
11:30AM	First Things First – Highlight Tribal Home Visiting Programs delivering Parents As Teachers model	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Overview of FTF</li> <li>2. PAT within Tribal Communities</li> <li>3. Stories from the Field</li> </ol>	Dr. Aaliyah Samuel Candida Hunter
12:00PM	LUNCH	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Seek input from appropriate elected or appointed Tribal Officials before undertaking any actions.</li> </ol>	
12:30PM	Open Discussion (Tribal Input)		Michael Allison
2:45PM	Next Steps		Gerilene Tsosie
2:55PM	Closing Comments/Adjournment		Michael Allison



## LIST OF ATTENDEES

Name	Title	Tribe/Organization
Adrienne Benally	Developmental Specialist	Navajo Nation - Growing In Beauty Program
Paula Seanez	Assistant Director	Navajo Nation Office of Special Education & Rehab. Services
Sandra Irwin	Hualapai Health Director	Hualapai Health Department
Charlene Imus	Intake Coordinator/FTF VP Regional Council	Hualapai Health Department
Jessica Rudolfo	WMAT Health Director	White Mountain Apache Tribe
Amber Cromwell	Family Spirit Health Educator	White Mountain Apache Tribe-Family Spirit Program
Novalene Goklish	Family Spirit Program Coordinator	White Mountain Apache Tribe-Family Spirit Program
Durina Keyonnie	Social Worker II – Intensive Case Manager	Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community
Shaun Stapleton	Case Manager	Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community
Veronica Menta	Assist Tribal Administrator	Cocopah Tribe
Aida Federico	Community Health Nurse – Maternal Child Health	Pascua Yaqui Tribe
Cecilia Garcia	Community Health Nurse – Maternal Child Health	Pascua Yaqui Tribe
Pamela Denny	Family Support Coordinator	Native Americans for Community Action, Inc.
Carri Chischilly	Parent Educator	Native Health
Evelina Maho	HPDP Director	Native Health
Stephen Honeyestewa	Home Visiting Program Coordinator	Native Health
Beatriz Jaime	FTF Colorado River Indian Tribe & Hualapai Tribe	First Things First
Candida Hunter	FTF Tribal Regional Director	First Things First
Melissa Begay	FTF Navajo Regional Director	First Things First
Dr. Aaliyah Samuel	FTF Sr. Director, Family Support & Literacy	First Things First
Ellen Majure	FTF Regional Director, Coconino	First Things First
Roselia Ramirez	FTF Regional Director, Cocopah Tribe	First Things First
Travis LeDuc	FTF TON Regional Director	First Things First
Jennifer Richards	Family Spirit Replication Coordinator	Johns Hopkins Center for American Indian Health
Willeen Whipple	Senior Manager of Tribal Affiliations	Parents As Teachers Program
Kim Russell	Executive Director	Advisory Council on Indian Health Care
Deidre Greyeyes	Program Coordinator	Arizona American Indian Oral Health Initiative
Michael Allison	Native American Liaison	Arizona Department of Health Services

Gerilene Tsosie	Native American Community Coordinator	Arizona Department of Health Services
Irene Burton	Office Chief	Arizona Department of Health Services
Laura Bellucci	MIECHV Project Director	Arizona Department of Health Services
Sharon James-Tiger	DCS Tribal Liaison	Arizona Department of Child Safety
Dr. Jane Dowling	Consultant	Wellington Consulting Inc.
Dr. Deborah Wang	Consultant	Wellington Consulting Inc.